

## Partner of the Year

IP Germany (International Farbenwerke GmbH) has been named Shipbuilding Partner of the Year 2008 by Meyer Werft Papenburg. This is the third year running that Meyer Werft has awarded the 'Partner des Jahres' prize to their top suppliers. The award is part of the shipyard's supplier management initiative which continually assesses the



performance of suppliers and rates them accordingly. The award, which also includes the categories mechanical engineering, outfitting, interiors and innovation was based on the results of supplier ratings during the construction of the cruise vessels 'Celebrity Solstice' - the largest cruise vessel ever built by Meyer Werft, the 'AIDAbella' and the passenger ship/container carrier 'Gunung Dempo'. IP's coatings have reduced shipyard VOCs (volatile organic compounds), improved operator fuel efficiency through advanced foul release technology and reduced operator maintenance costs through high performance coatings for external vessel areas. International Farbenwerke is currently supplying coatings for five Meyer Werft newbuildings, including the 'AIDAluna', 'AIDAblu', 'Celebrity Equinox' and 'Celebrity Eclipse'.

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